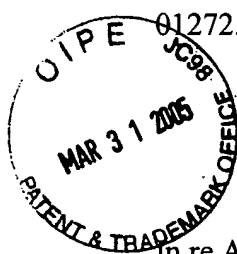


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	:	Group Art Unit: 2852
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Applicants having received a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due form (PTOL-85, dated February 28, 2005, respectfully request acknowledgment of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 15, 2003. It is further requested that confirmation of consideration of the reference cited in the Information Disclosure Statement of September 15, 2003 be provided by the return of an initialed copy of the form PTO-1449, which accompanied the Information Disclosure Statement. For the Examiner's convenience, attached is a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement as filed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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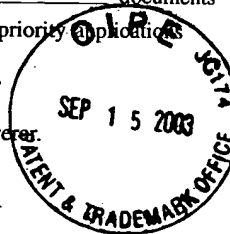
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed Japanese documents are also enclosed.

A concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents may be found at pages 2 and 4 of the specification.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

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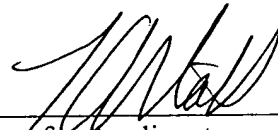
Application is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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